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REPORT

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MIDLAND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

OF THE

SOCIETY

FOR

Promoting Christian Knowledge.

Kingston, U. C.

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THE Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, was established in 1699. Its object was to extend the blessings of the Gospel both at home and abroad, by supporting Schools and sending out Missionaries, particularly to India and the East—It has since made over these latter to the Society for promoting the Gospel in Foreign parts, and now direct its attention to the encouragement of schools, and the distribution of Bibles and Prayer Books and also religious Tracts. And although its operations are extended in conformity with, and to increase the influence of the Church of England, yet it circulates the Scriptures without or with its Tracts according to the demand. The advantages of the institution are, that it affords a suppply of books of a religious, moral, and instructive tendency, which are furnished to its subscribing members at a price for distribution, not exceeding three fifths of their cost on an average—to all other persons it offers the same books at the price charged to wholesale book-sellers in London—and to schools founded on the principles of the society—the District Committee gives gratuitously such works as are on its list, adapted to the purpose either of instruction or reward to the children.

At a meeting of the members of the society, for promoting Christian Knowledge and others of the Clergy and Laiety of the Midland district, in the Diocese of Quebec, held at Kingston, on Tuesday the 19th day of September, 1826, for the purpose of reorganizing a district Committee in correspondence with the Quebec Diocesan Committee.

PATRON.

His Excellency Major Gen. Sir P. Maitland, K. C. B. Lieut. Governor.

PRESIDENT.

The Hon. and Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Quebec.
His Lordship in the Chair.

The objects of the Society being stated and in conformity with the following regulations.

1st. That the sum of twelve shillings and six pence paid in advance constitute a member for the year current.

2d. That the Vice Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurer, be chosen from among the annual subscribers.

It was Resolved, 1st. That the Midland district Committee of the Society, for Promoting Christian Knowledge, to hold its meetings at Kingston, be now established.

2d. That the Vice Presidents, two Secretaries, and a Treasurer be now chosen.

3d. That a standing Committee consisting of the officers of the district Committee, and the undermentioned persons be now chosen, four of whom shall form a quorum.

4th. That all monies received by the Treasurer, be expended under the directions of the standing Committee.

5th. That a general meeting of the district Committee do take place annually during the Assizes at Kingston.

6th. That a local Depositary of books for the supply of the district, and of the members of the district Committee be formed at Kingston.

The undermentioned gentlemen were then chosen as officers of the society for the ensuing year.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

The Venerable The Archdeacon Stuart,
Thomas Markland, Esquire,

Lieut. Colonel Lightfoot,
John Kirby,
John R. Glover, Esquires.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE.

John Macaulay, Esq.
Christopher A. Hagerman, Esq.
James Sampson, Esq.
Richard Penn, Esq. Ordnance Department,
Major Winniett, 68th Lt. Infantry,
James Atkinson, Esq. M. P.
Mr. Turpin,
Mr. Askew,
The Rev. R. Tunney, Chaplain to the Forces,
The Rev. Mr. Macaulay,
" " Mr. Campbell,
" " Mr. Grier,
" " Mr. Deacon,
" " Mr. Stoughton,
" " Mr. Wenham,
" " Mr. Elms,
" " Mr. Harris,
" " Mr. Blakey.

TREASURER.

David John Smith, Esq.

SECRETARIES.

Donald Bethune,
John S. Cartwright, Esqrs.

At a Meeting of the standing Committee, held at the Grand Jury room, on Wednesday the 20th Sept. 1826,

PRESENT,

The Rev. Thos. Campbell, Chairman,
" " R. Tunney,
Christopher A. Hagerman,
John Macaulay,
James Atkinson, Esqrs.
John S. Cartwright, Esq. Secretary.

It was resolved, that the quarterly meetings of the Committee be on the first day of the Quarter Sessions, of April and October, and the first day of the District Court Terms in January and June.

That any of the Vice Presidents, two members and a Secretary, may call a special meeting to meet as they shall direct.

That the Secretary do call upon Mr. George Baxter, and request him to allow the books to be deposited in the Public School House, and that he be requested to act as Depositary.

That Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Cartwright, be requested to act as a committee to solicit subscriptions and donations.

That the Secretaries be directed to write to the Rev. Mr. Morgell, requesting that books may be sent for the money now in hands of the Diocesan Committee at Quebec, and that the same be directed to the Archdeacon at Kingston.

JOHN S. CARTWRIGHT,
Secretary.

At a meeting of the standing Committee, held at the Grand Jury room, on the 10th of Oct. 1826, agreeably to the regulations.

PRESENT,

The Venerable Archdeacon Stuart, John Kirby, Thomas Markland, Esqrs.	Vice Presidents.
John Macaulay, Christopher A. Hagerman, James Atkinson, Esqrs. The Rev. Mr. Tunney,	Members of Committee

David John Smith, Esq. Treasurer.

Donald Bethune, John S. Cartwright, Esqrs.	Secretaries.

Mr. Cartright reported that he [illegible] lled upon Mr. Baxter, and that he had accepted th[illegible] f Depositary, and permitted the books to be depo[illegible] Public School House.

It appearing that the sum of Thirty-seven pounds (including the Twenty pounds collected on the seventeenth day of September last) has been collected.

It was resolved that the Secretaries immediately acquaint the Rev. Mr. Morgell with it.

That the Secretaries be directed to write to the Clergymen in the different parts of the district and request them to solicit subscriptions and donations.

That the Treasurer procure books for himself and Secretaries.

That the proceedings be printed and a copy sent to each member.

D. BETHUNE,
JOHN S. CARTWRIGHT,
Secretaries.

At a meeting of the standing committee, held at the Grand Jury room, on the 8th day of January, 1827, agreeably to the regulations,

PRESENT,

The Venerable Archdeacon Stuart, John Kirby, Esq.	Vice Presidents.
John Macaulay, Christopher A. Hagerman, James Sampson, Esqrs.	Members of Committee.
John S. Cartwright, Donald Bethune, Esqrs.	Secretaries.

The Archdeacon laid before the meeting, a letter from the Rev. Dr. Mills, Secretary to the Quebec Diocesan Committee, and reported that he had received the books which were sent agreeably to the Resolutions of 20th of September last. It was Resolved, That the same be placed in the Depository, and that the Secretaries answer Dr. Mills' letter and inform him that the books have been received.

That the Secretaries immediately carry into effect the resolutions entered into on the last meeting.

That the meeting adjourn until the second Monday of February next.

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JOHN S. CARTWRIGHT,
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